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Fort Gratiot Light Station awarded preservation grant

LANSING – Sen. Jud Gilbert, R-Algonac, is pleased to announce that the Fort Gratiot Light Station located in Port Huron is receiving a Michigan Lighthouse Assistance Preservation grant.

The \$40,000 grant will be used to renovate and preserve the lighthouse, fog signal building, keeper's residence, life saving station residence and the U.S. Coast Guard Station. The project will be overseen by the Port Huron Museum of Arts and History.

The grants are supported with funds from the sale of the Michigan lighthouse license plates. The program is administered by the State Historic Preservation Office. It assists Michigan citizens and communities with the preservation of cultural resources through various state and federal programs that encourage the recognition of, and reinvestment in, historic properties.

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